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## A THOUGHT.

Tis only a cloud that sweepeth by,  
And hides the clear and darkened sky.  
Tis only gloom that brings the fears.  
That drive away the happy years.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

## GREYIA SUTHERLANDI.

A SOUTH African plant of succulent nature is *Greyia Sutherlandi*, found growing and blooming among the rocks at Port Natal, where it attains the dimensions of a small tree. It is of easy culture in the greenhouse, but is of dwarf habit under glass, though quite attractive when in bloom. The leaves are finely crenated at the margin, and a curious fact is that some are covered with hairs, while others are smooth. The flowers are produced in dense terminal racemes, are of a rich red color, and are very brilliant in appearance.

This plant grows best in a sandy loam, and in full exposure to the sun. In the winter it needs a season of rest, and should be very sparingly watered while dormant. In the spring repot and give its usual supply of water. Drainage must be good, and care taken to not over-water, which is a requirement in the growth of all succulent plants. Propagation is effected by seeds, or by cuttings of the half-ripened shoots.

*Greyia* was named in honor of Sir George Grey, Governor of Cape Colony, where it was discovered. It is a monotypic genus, belonging to the Order Sapindaceæ, and was introduced in 1859.

## BEGONIA HAAGEANA.

THIS *Begonia* is a giant species introduced from Brazil by Messrs Haage and Schmidt nearly twenty years ago. It grows from four to six feet high, bearing large, metallic-like leaves, and immense open clusters of flesh-white flowers during autumn and winter. A peculiarity is that the entire stem and foliage is covered with red hairs. Cuttings root readily, and in the course of a year, if shifted regularly, fine specimen plants in eight-inch or ten-inch pots may be developed. A handsome plant of this species was exhibited at the recent Chrysanthemum Show at Philadelphia, and was greatly admired by the host of visitors.



GREYIA SUTHERLANDI.

**Cyclamen.**—Seeds of these should be started in the autumn, and the plants well cared for in the plant window till spring, when they may be bedded out in rich soil in a partially shaded situation. They should never be allowed to suffer from drouth. In the autumn pot them firmly, in five-inch pots of porous, sandy compost, with good drainage, and place them again in the window. The buds will then soon appear, and the display of bloom will be profuse throughout the winter.

**Plants in a Cool Room.**—For a cool room with a temperature of 50 degrees to 60 degrees Double

Daisies, Sweet Violets, Pansies, Calendulas, Chrysanthemums and Wall Flowers will mostly bloom well. Place tobacco dust over the soil, to keep the plant lice away.



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## Circulation Bulletin.

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**Budding and Pruning Roses.**—The best month for budding Roses in most sections is August. The sap should be returning, so that the bark will readily separate from the wood. For pruning or cutting back Roses choose the early spring for Teas and Hybrid Teas, and the summer, after blooming, for Prairie Roses, Ramblers, Hybrid Perpetuals, and all summer-blooming sorts. Cutting away dead or sickly parts of a Rose is always in order, no matter what may be the month or season, and a moderate use of the shears throughout the summer upon Everblooming Roses will promote a free and continuous display of flowers.

**Vicia Cracca.**—The specimen sent by Mrs. H., Michigan, is *Vicia Cracca*, sometimes called Cow Vetch, Tine grass, and Cat-peas. It is a perennial of trailing habit, and bears close racemes of bluish-purple flowers. The leaves are compound, with narrow alternate leaflets, the tip of the stem terminating in a tendril. It is found growing wild in many parts of the United States, as well as in Europe and Asia.

**Setting Hydrangea.**—The best time to set out *Hydrangea paniculata* at the North is in spring or early summer. In the South it does well transplanted in the autumn, and mulched.

## ANTIGONON LEPTOPUS.

A VERY beautiful flowering vine is *Antigonon leptopus*, which was introduced from Mexico in 1869, and is generally known in the South as Mountain Rose. It is of rapid growth, extremely graceful in appearance, clothed with hand-



some, heart-shaped leaves, and rendered attractive by delicate, angled, branched tendrils, and large panicles of showy, bright rose flowers, as indicated in the little engraving. The plants are

of easy culture, only requiring plenty of root room, and a warm, sunny situation to grow and bloom abundantly. The roots are hard, knotty tubers, and when a year or two old the vines will push up to the height of fifteen feet in a single season, and be covered with foliage and bloom till frost. A warm, sunny, well-drained bed at the south of a wall or building is preferable. Here it will luxuriate, and prove a decoration that everybody will admire.

Propagation is readily effected by seeds, which are not unlike Buckwheat grains in size and form. They should be sown in the spring, and kept in pots the first season, shifting as they grow until they occupy five-inch pots. In late autumn dry the plants off and merely keep the soil moist till spring, then begin watering. When the earth becomes warm bed out at the south side of a building in a rich, porous compost, thoroughly drained, and furnish good support. While growing do not let the plants suffer for want of water. Thus treated the vines will become a bower of beauty, and elicit the praise and admiration of all who see them.

**Auriculas in the Border.**—One who knows Auriculas reports that he succeeds well with them by planting out in a bed of rather tenacious soil well-drained. They last for years, and only need to be divided and reset occasionally. The seeds are often tardy in germinating, and the sower must have patience to wait for the plantlets to appear.

**Tuberous Begonias.**—In potting Tuberous Begonias the concave side should be up, and the tubers potted with the crown protruding, that is, the upper part not covered. Use woods soil and sand with rotted manure. Keep the soil moist, but not wet, and give partial shade. Never let the soil dry out.

**Oxalis and Begonia.**—Plants of these mostly do well when given porous, well-drained soil and a partial shade. They are of the easiest culture.



## THE JAPANESE TOAD LILY.

**B**ELONGING to the Lily Family is a curious and handsome plant from Japan known botanically as *Tricyrtis hirta*, but usually denominated Japanese Toad Lily, because the flowers are decorated with large, purple, toad-like spots.



The plant grows two feet high, thickly set with alternate, clasping, pointed leaves which reach out horizontally from the stem and the flowers are borne upon stems which issue from the axil of the leaves, mostly at or near the summit.

The roots are fleshy, and in a moderate climate are hardy, but at the north it is well to lift and pot the plant in autumn, and keep it in a frost-proof room, watering only enough to keep the roots from shriveling. It is increased either by division or by cuttings.

**Geraniums for Winter.**—Geraniums intended for winter-blooming should be started from cuttings during summer, and shifted into larger pots as they grow, until they occupy four-inch or five-inch pots, and are nice, bushy plants. Shifting always retards the bloom and promotes growth, so that after the last shift the plants begin to bloom abundantly, and will keep up the display, throughout the winter. They like a sunny southern window, and an even temperature.

**Root-pruning Asparagus Sprengeri.**—When a plant of *Asparagus Sprengeri* becomes too large to be easily handled the marginal tubers can be removed without serious injury, and the pot will continue to accommodate it. Of course the larger the ball of roots the larger and longer will be the foliage sprays. But the plant can be kept in portable form by root-pruning, as suggested.

**Violets.**—The Sweet Violets bloom better during fall and spring when planted in a rather sunny exposure, but where the soil is deep clay, rich and moist. If a frame is placed over them in late autumn and judiciously managed the blooming period will be prolonged throughout the winter where the climate is mild, or extended where the climate is cold.

**Propagating Boxwood.**—Cuttings of Boxwood taken four inches long and inserted in a tray of moist sand kept in a shady place in summer will soon take root. Insert half their length in the sand, and keep well watered. From four weeks to two months time should be given them to form roots.

## EUONYMUS JAPONICUS.

**M**RS. JOHNSON of Illinois, sends a sprig of *Euonymus Japonicus* to know its name and what treatment the plant requires. This *Euonymus* was introduced from Nepal in 1804, where it is an



evergreen tree twenty feet high. It is hardy south of Washington, and is often successfully grown out-doors in sheltered places further north. It is not desirable as a blooming plant, but the varieties of the species, which are variously marked with white or yellow are elegant pot plants for the window. The variety known as *E. radicans variegata*, which has silver-marked foliage is of climbing habit, and when trained to a build-

ing is very decorative, retaining its foliage throughout the winter. It is hardy as far north as New York, and a plant that can be highly recommended. The other varieties, however, are of bushy growth, and can only be used as pot plants or shrubs. In the south they make a fine screen or hedge.

**Roses in Winter.**—Roses should occupy a sunny window, and as fast as the flowers fade cut them off, with a portion of the branch, thus encouraging new growth upon which the buds will be found. This will keep up a succession of flowers throughout the winter, if the plants are of the proper variety and in good condition. *Hermosa*, *Clotilde Soupert*, *Francisca Kruger* and *Helen Gould* are all good winter-blooming varieties for the window. Do not fail to syringe the plants once a week, and place chopped tobacco stems thickly over the soil in the pot, to keep off insects. Avoid sunshine against the sides of the pots, and keep up the water supply while the plants are growing and blooming.

**White Impatiens.**—There is no variety of *Impatiens Sultani* that bears white flowers. The nearest approach to white is a light salmon. There is, however, a species of similar habit, the flowers of which are white with a pink eye. *Impatiens Holsti* bears scarlet flowers.

**Egg-plant Pest.**—Potato beetles are sometimes troublesome upon Egg-Plants. To get rid of them dust with fine tobacco while the dew is on, and place chopped tobacco stems around the plants.

**Protection.**—Heavy paper wound around the tops of Tea Roses, half-hardy shrubs, and young trees, will be found an excellent protection.



## EUCALYPTUS GUNNII, THE CIDER TREE OF TASMANIA.

THE illustration represents a handsome Eucalyptus tree from the summit of the Tasmanian Mountains, and is considered the hardiest of the Eucalyptus family. The growth is not over thirty feet in height, and the branches are slender and twiggy, covered with smooth, olive-green

soon become large, showy specimens. *E. Gunnii* is of special value as an ornamental and sanitary shade tree, not only because of its hardiness in a moderate climate, but because the foliage is largely imbued with anti-septic oil, which tends to purify the atmosphere of malarial regions. The engraving shows the form of this tree, and indicates in some measure the grace and beauty of its foliage.



THE HARDY EUCALYPTUS GUNNII.

bark. They are clothed with narrow, substantial ribbed leaves three inches long. The pale yellow flowers are freely borne in cymes at the axil of the leaves, and are succeeded by small cylindrical, torpedo-like fruits.

This tree is easily started from seeds, as indeed are most of the species of Eucalyptus, and when well cared for seedlings

writes that she finds sulphur mixed with the earth in which blight-infected Begonias are growing is a remedy, arresting the disease even after the leaves and stems begin to brown and curl. If she would thoroughly mix a portion of sulphur with the potting soil the plants would not be liable to an attack of the disease. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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**About Primroses.**—To keep Chinese Primroses healthy shift the young plants in summer as they grow. Keep well watered, and in a place where they will get plenty of light and air. If the morning and evening sun has access to them it is all the better. If kept too dry, or if they are crowded so as to exclude free access of air and light the plants are liable to wither and die. Plants started from seeds in the spring and well-cared for will begin to bloom about December 1st, and will bloom freely throughout the winter. In the summer keep them in a cool, partially shaded place, watering sparingly till they are rested, then repot, setting them a little deeper in the soil, so as to cover the neck, and gradually increase the supply of water. Thus treated they will bloom well the succeeding winter.

## Begonia Blight.

—A sister in Tenn.





## POT CULTURE

### CHINESE HIBISCUS.

**M**Y CHINESE Hibiscus received three years ago grew like a weed. It had pretty glossy green leaves, and beautiful double dark red flowers as large as a small saucer, and was a beautiful plant when two years old. I had it in a medium sized zinc tub. It was over two feet tall, a nice symmetrical little tree with as many as six blossoms on it at one time. The plants are very sensitive to cold air, and freeze easily. I used very rich soil to grow it in and a rather large vessel for its size.

Mrs. B. A. Meinert.

Pott Co., Okla., Oct. 16, 1905.

**Begonia Speciosa.**—About a year ago a friend gave me a small plant of the *Begonia Speciosa*. It has a small notched leaf of delicate green covered with raised white spots. The under side of the leaf is red while the stems are brown. As fast as it became root-bound I repotted it, and now it is about a foot and a half across. It grows in long flat branches somewhat inclined to droop, and has long racemes of delicate pink blossoms. Every one admires it.

Mrs. B. P. Buck.

Lesneur Co., Minn., Oct. 18, 1905.

**Hardy Ferns.**—I put the roots of Wild Ferns into pots very early in the spring. The soil was rich, and light. I gave them a great deal of water and kept them in the shade. They put up a frond occasionally during the summer. In the fall I put tea leaves on them and in October they put out a new set of fronds prettier than those in the spring. I have them now in a room where there is no fire.

Ella Means.  
Franklin Co., Ill., Nov. 2, 1905.

**Euphorbia Splendens.**—I have a *Euphorbia Splendens* three years old. It has been in bloom most all the time. The longest branch is over three feet high. All the care I gave it was to repot it in the fall, and keep it watered. I used rich garden soil to grow it in. At present I have it in a gallon can. It is growing nicely, and has some flowers on it.

Mrs. B. A. Meinert.

Pott Co., Okla., Oct. 17, 1905.

**Lopesia Rosea.**—It is one of the neatest and sweetest little winter-blooming plants I ever raised. It is always in bloom from Thanksgiving until May, and a most beautiful decorative plant for Christmas.

Mrs. H. A. Sprague.

Green Co., Ill., Oct. 31, 1905.

### DOUBLE DAISY.

**W**HO does not love the Double Daisy! The plants are low-growing but lovely, nevertheless. Last year we lived in a rented house on a new street. The soil was such that flower beds were out of the question, so I sowed Double Daisy seeds in boxes filled with good soil. I never had any flowers that were lovelier. The flowers were white, pink and crimson, double as Roses, with leaves covering every bit of soil. They bloomed until snow came, and then were put in the cellar, but they had fulfilled their mission, and made more than one heart glad.

Mrs. W. H. A.

St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Nov. 6, 1905.

**Begonia Argentea Guttata.**—I have a plant of this variety. The leaves are lovely. It is a nice compact grower but takes some time to get a nice specimen. It is about two years since mine was started from a cutting. All *Begonias* do best in a soil composed mostly of leaf-mould and a little sand, with a very small amount of bone-meal scattered through. The same soil grows *Fuchsias* to perfection.

Laura MacD.

Hants Co., Can., Nov. 4, 1905.

**Bermuda Oxalis.**—The *Bermuda Oxalis* is a sure-blooming winter bulb. One bulb in a flower pot of good soil will furnish beautiful blossoms for weeks. The blossom stems are long and excellent for cut flowers, the unopened buds coming out in water. The color is pure bright yellow, and very cheerful looking. The bulbs multiply rapidly.

Carrie M. Snyder.

Clinton Co., Mich., Oct. 18, 1905.

**Hydrangea.**—I have a nice young *Hydrangea* started from a cutting given me by a friend. I filled a bottle with water, put the slips in and set in a sunny window, adding a little water occasionally as it was needed. By the end of a month it was splendidly rooted and ready to pot.

Laura MacD.

Hants Co., Can., Nov. 4, 1905.

**Eranthemum Pulchellum.**—A fine winter-blooming plant is *Eranthemum pulchellum* with its pretty, star-shaped flowers. I had one for several winters. It takes some care in summer to keep it in good shape, but doubly repays. It requires lots of water, and must be repotted every spring after blooming.

Mrs. B. A. Meinert.

Pott Co., Okla., Oct. 17, 1905.

**Plumbago.**—*Plumbago* white is a lovely pot plant. If kept pinched back, it is constantly covered with its Phlox-like clusters of flowers.

Mrs. H. A. Sprague.

Green Co., Ill., Oct. 31, 1905.

## CHINESE Hibiscus.

I HAVE seldom grown a flower that gave such pleasure as Chinese Hibiscus. In the early spring a small plant a few inches high was potted in the same soil as a Heliotrope. For several weeks it didn't grow much, but when it started to grow, a small bud made its appearance. When it opened I measured carefully the large double flower, which was five and one-half inches across. Such a pink beauty, the small plant could hardly hold it up.

I put it in a sunny bed, and gave it plenty of water. It is two and a half feet high, and during the summer had nineteen flowers. It is now full of buds, but I fear potting it for the winter, may cause them to blight. It is free from insects, and only half hardy in Texas. Has beautiful dark green foliage. It is greatly admired by all who have seen it, and by those who have grown it.

I. McBride.

Liberty Co., Tex., Nov. 2, 1905.

**Plumbago Capensis.**—In the spring of 1903 I purchased a small plant of Plumbago Capensis. It grew nicely and made a bushy little plant six inches high the first summer, and was covered with beautiful, pale blue flowers. I kept it in our living room that winter, and it budded several times, but owing to changes of temperature the buds blighted. In the spring it grew very rapidly, and by fall it was three feet high, blooming continually, and it bloomed freely during the winter of 1904. This summer it grew so rapidly; it is now nearly five feet high, supported by slender sticks. It is growing in a large tin bucket. After the blooms fade on it I cut it back, and it commences to grow and bloom immediately.

Emma E. Lye.

Dearborn Co., Ind., Oct. 11, 1905.

**My Begonia.**—I have a Begonia with metallic-looking leaves and small white spots on upper side, the under side being blood red. It is, and has been, for three or four months, a beautiful sight, with its long drooping branches, and large bunches of waxen white flowers. It is so large, it almost fills the entire width of the window where it stands,—a western window, partly shaded by a large tree. It wins many words of praise and admiration. It is given a good sandy loam, and woods soil, and is set inside a jardiniere, so the roots will not draw to the side of the pot. It grows finely. Don't fail to give it a trial.

Mrs. D. W. Newman.

Summit Co., Ohio, Oct. 17, 1905.

**Carnations.**—I enjoy my Carnations which bloom in the house in winter, and in the garden in summer. At one time I counted over a hundred blossoms on one plant.

Mrs. Hartt.

N. B., Canada, Oct. 14, 1905.

## VINCA MINOR.

THE most satisfactory hanging basket I ever grew was hardy Vinca, planted in a five pound lard pail of rich garden soil. In this was placed about two dozen slips, roots, and cuttings of the hardy Vinca, or Myrtle Vine, early in spring. Toward midsummer, the little new vines were running freely.

Then the pot was taken into the house and set on a shelf built for it, above a south window, and the long tender streamers of vivid green allowed to flow down over the white curtain.

We took down the roller shade to better enjoy the effect of light shining through that hanging of white and green.

At Christmas time the runners reached to the window sill below. This vine is perfectly hardy outdoors, and it remained a thing of beauty the entire winter, with no fears on our part, that it might be frozen, even during the extreme cold of the season.

Mrs. A. H. Bowdvin.

Otero Co., N. Mex., Nov. 1, 1905.

**Chayenne Pepper Tree.**—One of the prettiest winter plants I ever had, was a Cayenne Pepper Tree. The shape was perfect, the branches drooping gracefully from the stem. It was about eighteen inches tall, and always had buds and blossoms, ripe and green fruit on it. The peppers were about one inch long and stood up all over the tree. A plant of the cherry pepper was almost as ornamental, but the tiny cayennes were nicer to use for seasoning soups and stews. I kept the tree three years and it grew better all the time. I think they would live many years.

Eliza C. Smith.

Chenango Co., N. Y., Nov. 7, 1905.

**Calla Lily.**—A friend once gave me a Calla Lily that was frozen down to the ground. We dug it out of the pot; the roots were a yard long, looking like a skein of coarse yarn. I cut them off close to the bulb, and crowded the plant into a pot of the richest soil I could get. When it began to grow I put it in a larger pot. In the spring it bore four of the largest blossoms I ever saw. It bloomed well the next year. It was seven years old when I got it and had never blossomed. The flowers were beautiful, and the plant of easy culture.

Eliza C. Smith.

Chenango Co., N. Y., Nov. 7, 1905.

**Asparagus Sprengeri.**—Last winter was the severest known in this section for years, but although the cold was so intense yet Asparagus Sprengeri lived in mother's sitting room through the winter. True the sprays were killed, but the roots were still sound, and were numerous enough to divide.

Mrs. Wm. Pollard.

Carroll Co., Miss., Oct. 10, 1905.





### MADEIRA VINE.

IT SEEMS to me that no other runner has so many points in its favor as the Madeira Vine. The heavy deep green leaves, which always feel cool to the touch, make it the very best for shading a summer house, or draping a window, while its delicate white blossoms are unequalled in fragrance by any thing except the Violet and Tuberose.

No other vine within my knowledge makes such rapid growth in spring. It has the arbor densely covered before other climbers are fairly on the way. Then the tubers multiply so rapidly, that after the first year the difficulty is to use them all, or even give them away to keep them from being wasted. To prolong the enjoyment of this beautiful vine into late autumn, or early winter, you may cut long ropes, and wreaths of the wax-like green, before frost falls, and twine them over side walls, ceiling and windows of a cool room. They will remain fresh for weeks, and sometimes even form miniature tubers with tiny rootlets, at the foot of each leaf. A. H. B.

Otera Co., New Mexico, Nov. 1, 1905.

**Nicotiana.**—One of the choicest plants for the west and south is *Nicotiana*. It belongs to the same family as the tobacco plant, and adapts itself to the soil where ever tobacco can be grown. It is easy to root, sometimes seeding itself, and is a continuous bloomer after it begins to bloom. It requires but little care, and will stand drouth well. M. G. H.

Lyon Co., Kan., Oct. 7, 1905.

**Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel.**—Of all the flowers we have in our garden I think *Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel*, gives us the most satisfaction. It is hardy and a profuse bloomer, beginning to blossom in July, and now it is in full bloom, and we pick a great many flowers off.

Mrs. Ruth B. Hartt.

N. B., Canada, Oct. 14, 1905.

**Nicotiana Affinis.**—A flower of special value is *Nicotiana affinis*. It is a hardy annual with white star-shaped flowers, and grows about three feet high. It is a fine plant for the house. Out of the sunshine the flowers remain open all day. At night they are delightfully fragrant. They are fine for a vase combined with sprays of *Asparagus*. It is one of the flowers we must have.

Hattie E. Mead.

Chittendon Co., Vt., Oct. 27, 1905.

### ENGLISH COWSLIP.

MY FAVORITE border plant is the English Cowslip. The plants are so easily raised from seeds. Every garden should have a few of these old flowers of song and story. They are hardy and come in mixture of colors. They like the shady damp portion of the border, and should have good rich soil, enriched with well rotted cow manure. They should be kept free of weeds and be disturbed as little as possible. They are similar to the American Daisy and are most beautiful for a border around a flower bed. They are admired by all who see them.

Mrs. M. B. P.

Henrico Co., Va., Oct. 1905.

**Caladium Eseulentum.**—A *Caladium* bed I had was circular, about four feet in diameter. This bed was made very rich and sunk two or three inches below the surrounding sod. This was in order to retain the great quantity of water so essential to the development of this grand plant. It was grand indeed! It grew to be an immense clump, most tropical in appearance. Some of the leaves were forty inches long. Only three ten-cent bulbs were planted. When taken up there were at least fifteen nearly as large as the parent bulbs, and a number of smaller ones. Mrs. M. J. Ross.

Pottawatomie Co., Okla., Nov. 2, 1905.

**Hibiscus.**—*Hibiscus* or Swamp Mallow is one of my favorites. It is easily grown from seeds, and when once started, will last for years. It will bloom from July till frost, if the seed pods are cut off, and not allowed to ripen. If planted near a well, or where a drain empties it will reach a height of eight or ten feet, and the blooms will be four inches across. Daisy H.

Sangamon Co., Ill., Nov. 7, 1905.

**Caladium.**—My *Caladium* is in a partially shaded place. It takes from six to eight gallons of water per day. To keep the bulb in winter, cover with dry manure to a depth of about two feet. Turn a box or barrel over to keep it dry. The bulbs will keep just as well as to take them up.

L. G.

Giles Co., Tenn., Oct. 20, 1905.

**Arctotis.**—A flower which is a delight late in the season is *Arctotis*. The blossoms are borne on such long stems, and the color is so delicate, making a great addition to a bouquet. Mrs. Ruth B. Hartt.

N. B., Can., Oct. 14, 1905.

**Maurandia.**—I never had any luck with *Maurandia* vine until this year. It grew eight feet high, and bloomed lovely. I fertilized it with manure from the hog pen.

S. F. Henning.

Greenbrier Co., W. Va., Nov. 7, 1905.

## WEeping WILLOW.

**M**Y FIRST experience with this tree, was with a "cutting," in the form of a green club two feet long. It was sharpened to a point, and gently driven into the ground till only six inches of its length remained above ground. This was early in February. Soon young shoots appeared but were all rubbed off, except two. In three months these were nearly four feet high, then the smaller one was removed, and the other proceeded to build a new tree. Now at the end of the growing season, it has reached a height—or rather a length of about twelve feet. The long swaying branches arch outward in a graceful curve and droop on all sides toward the ground, each branch ending in slender twigs five or six feet long.

Next season I shall place a light frame to hold their switches outward from the tree, thus forming a lovely summer house, around which they will hang as a fringe.

Mrs. A. H. Bowdvin.

Otero Co., N. Mex., Nov. 1, 1905.

**Kochia Scoparia.**—The *Kochia* with its neat habit of growth and finely cut, light green foliage contrasts beautifully with bright colored flowers. When used as a background, and in late summer its rosy hue rivals *Amaranthus*. I had some this year behind double scarlet Balsams, and red and white *Mirabilis*. It resembled a large bouquet.

Lillian Sheppard.

Carroll Co., Ark., Oct. 24, 1905.

**Climbing Nasturtium.**—Any one wishing a beautiful climbing vine should try the climbing *Nasturtium*. Mine was over nine feet high planted on the north side of the kitchen near a north door, in common soil. It has a mass of red blooms all summer. By occasionally picking off the larger leaves, the blooms will be more numerous.

Minnie E. Young.

Rock Co., Wis., Nov. 5, 1905.

**Iris.**—I have a large bed of *Iris* in my garden. They grow without any care at all. They have been in the same place for years, and are increasing all the time. During June they are a mass of bloom. The flowers are purple, gray and yellow, and are very handsome. One thing I like about them is, that they always bloom even if neglected.

Agnes McD.

Hants Co., Can., Nov. 4, 1905.

**Canna Seeds.**—I had good success with *Canna* seeds. They were put in a cup and covered with hot water which was heated every morning until they enlarged on one side. They were then planted.

Laura MacD.

Hants Co., Can., Nov. 4, 1905.

## PERENNIAL PHLOX.

**P**ERENNIAL PHLOX is one of the best plants for odd corners that we have. It will stand more neglect than any other plant I know of and still give us its lovely flowers, but it responds readily to kindness. If given a rich soil and plenty of water it will be a thing of beauty from July until frost kills it. If desired for cutting it may be made to bloom in lovely sprays, by simply pinching out the first buds that appear. Do not fail to give it a trial, for you will be doubly repaid for your work, and I am sure you will never regret it.

D. M. H.

Sangamon Co., Ill., Nov., 7, 1905.

**Evening Glory.**—I planted seeds of the *Evening Glory* on the west side of a wood-house. It was slow in starting, but after about three weeks it grew more rapidly than any vine I ever saw. Two vines covered the side of the house and piled up on the roof. For a quick growth for shade it is the best I know. The flowers open in the evening and are fragrant. I counted fifty blooms in one evening. It grows and blooms till frost comes.

Ella Means.

Franklin Co., Ill., Nov. 2, 1905.

**Cosmos.**—A plant that adapts itself well to the west is *Cosmos*. Growing tall as any fence, the plants serve as a screen, and the fence is a support to the top heavy plants. They are very convenient to use as a screen for any unsightly place. Their foliage is beautiful enough to pay for raising them, but during September and October the plants are surmounted with a mass of beautiful flowers.

Mabel Grant Hensely.

Lyon Co., Kan., Oct. 7, 1905.

**Chrysanthemum.**—Early in spring I moved part of my *Chrysanthemums*, and pinched the stalks back several times during the summer. I had them at the end of the drain from the kitchen sink, so they got plenty of water. There were immense bunches of flowers, and at every leaf down the stem smaller bunches put out.

Ella Means.

Franklin Co., Ill., Nov. 2, 1905.

**Fragrant Plants.**—Lavender is so nice to mix with a bouquet of any kind. I have a great clump, and almost as soon as the snow is gone it springs up so green and sweet-smelling. I have a large shrub of *Old Man*. It is so sweet smelling and fine for bouquets.

Agnes McD.

Hants Co., Can., Nov. 4, 1905.

**Coreopsis Lanceolata.**—One of the finest hardy plants living year after year with no care is the *Coreopsis Lanceolata*. It is a most beautiful bright yellow flower on long stems.

Hattie E. Mead.

Chittendon Co., Vt., Oct. 27, 1905.



## INCARVILLEA DELAVAYI.

**I**NCARVILLEA is a small genus of hardy perennial plants, most of the species of which are found in Turkestan and China. It is so named after P. Incarvillea, a Chinese Jesuit, and a botanical correspondent of Bernard de Jessieu, in the year 1743. It is classed in the Order Bignoniaceæ, and its flowers are tubular, expanding somewhat like the flower of a Bignonia or Tacoma. The flowers range in color from rose to rich scarlet, and appear in clusters at the summit of strong scapes from one foot to three feet high. The plants thrive in a compost of loam, peat and sand, or in any fibrous, porous soil. They are increased by seeds and by division of the clumps.

Incarvillea Delavayi, shown in the illustration, is a notable late introduction from North-west China, and a decided acquisition to the genus. The plant is hardy, has handsome foliage, and trusses of splendid rose-colored flowers borne upon stems about two feet high. The roots are tuberous, and easily divided and transplanted. This is a showy and beautiful perennial, and alike valuable for either beds or pots. It deserves a place in every perennial collection.



INCARVILLEA DELAVAYI.

**Impatiens Sultanî.**—I have an Impatiens Sultanî that grew in partial shade, well sheltered from the wind. It was a perfect dome in shape, and larger than a bushel basket could cover. It was dotted all over, from the ground up, with its pretty red blooms until hard frosts. Then it was taken up and brought indoors, and keeps right on blooming. Mrs. M. E. A.

Dickinson Co., Iowa, Nov. 13, 1905.

**Viola pedata.**—This interesting species is popularly known as the Birds'-Foot Violet. It has finely divided leaves, and bears a profusion of large, handsome, pale or deep blue flowers during the months of May and June. It delights in a dry, sandy soil in an open sunny situation, and is a most satisfactory plant for the inside flower border, where it should be grown in groups of from eight to ten plants. It is one of the best of our native species, and a very desirable addition to any collection of hardy perennial plants. Chas. E. Parnell.

Nassau Co., N. Y.

## CHINESE NARCISUS AND DAFFODILS.

**I**HAD such splendid success with Narcissus bulbs last winter, that I want all flower lovers to try them. I planted the Double Daffodils in good soil, watered well, and put in the darkest, coolest place in the cellar. The Sacred Lily bulbs I put in a large glass fruit dish, and after putting a little charcoal in the bottom, I filled with pretty pebbles, had the crowns just come to top, and gave water enough to come to the base of the bulbs. I planted the middle of October, and brought up after 6 or 8 weeks, and how they grew, and filled the parsonage with fragrance.

Again and again my husband would stop before the Lily, and, while feasting on its beauty and fragrance, say "I wouldn't take five dollars for this plant." The Narcissus was so cheery, like sunshine, for weeks, when snow was deep and weather dreary. You cannot fail with them, only follow directions, and they are so satisfactory. After blooming I ripened the bulbs of Narcissus and planted in the ground this fall, where they will be perfectly hardy. Try them both dear flower lovers.

Julia B. Shaw.

Jefferson Co., N. Y. Nov. 13, 1905.

**Clematis Paniculata.**—Too much cannot be said in praise of the Clematis Paniculata or Japan Clematis as it is sometimes called. It does not seem to have an enemy. Its wealth of starry white flowers, coming as they do in September, when white flowers are rather scarce, its sweet fragrance, and its luxuriant foliage places it at the head of the list. It is so hardy that it does not require protection and is a rapid grower. S. E. H.

Weld Co., Colo.

**White Flowers.**—For a plenty of white flowers to cut, nothing is daintier and more easily secured than the thrifty and hardy perennial Achillea. If cut and dried before the flowers begin to fade they keep as nicely as the everlasting flowers, and add greatly to winter bouquets. Did you know this same thing can be done with the flowers of the Gypsophila or Baby's Breath? Try it and see for yourself. S. E. H.

Weld Co., Colo.



## GOOD NIGHT TO THE FLOWERS.

O where are the flowers, the beautiful flowers,  
That answered so quickly the call of the  
showers,  
That smiled with the sunbeam and wept with  
the dew,  
And danced with each dallying zephyr that  
blew!  
While scattering perfume so lavish and free,  
Gave food to the hummingbird—sweets to  
the bee.

I look on the garden where erstwhile they  
bloomed,  
And shedding their fragrance the breezes  
perfumed.  
I see them not there, who hath lured them  
away,  
And hidden their loveliness from me, I pray?  
Dame Nature is speaking. List! What does  
she say?  
"I have hidden your darlings from sorrow  
away.

The long day of Summer was faded and gone,  
The year's evening twilight was fast coming  
on,

The twilight was here, the night flown apace,  
O what could they do with no warm dwell-  
ing place?

So I found for your darlings a cozy retreat,  
Securely protected from tempest and sleet.

My servant, Jack Frost, has for each built a  
home  
Of the purest of crystal, from basement to  
dome,

Every pinnacle turret and translucent spire  
In sunlight is gleaming like opaline fire.  
There I've gathered them safely to Mother  
Earth's breast,

She has cuddled and fondled and soothed  
them to rest.

In dreams they are wandering through Fairy-  
land green,

With the Fairies they dance—hail with hom-  
age their queen.

Yet they'll hear the first call of the unfettered  
brook,

And meet the first robin in each sunny nook.  
They will come when the soft pussies cover  
the Willow,

And dot the brown earth with their red, blue  
and yellow.

Dame Nature thus soothingly speaks to my  
heart,

Bids it sorrow to cease—its doubts to depart.  
I will mourn them no more, for I know it is  
well

With my pets. In their winter home safely  
they dwell.

No more will I weep. Little darlings goodnight!  
Sleep sweetly till Springtime shall bring  
you the light.

*Adaline S. Perkins.*

*Medina Co., Ohio, Oct. 27, 1905.*

## WINTER EVENINGS.

Of our long winter evenings  
We never, never tire,  
When all the home folk gather  
About the genial fire,  
To read our magazines and papers  
And listen to the funny capers  
That Grandpa tells of days when he  
Was full of mischief as we are.

*Sagadahoc Co., Me.*

*Alice May Douglas.*

## THE RAINBOW.

The Rainbow! the Rainbow!  
What joy to behold  
It's colors of purple,  
Of orange and gold,  
When the thunder and flame  
Of the storm have rolled by,  
And the smile of the sunshine  
Is glad in the sky.

The Rainbow! the Rainbow!  
It dazzles the sight,  
And it gladdens the soul  
With its radiant light,  
As gorgeously fair  
In its beauty, I ween,  
As the ladder of old,  
By the Patriarch seen.

And oft have I dreamed  
If my feet would ascend  
This path which is deemed,  
By the world, without end,  
I should tread, as the angels  
Before me have trod,  
In the beauty and light  
Of the City of God.

*Arthur H. Goodenough.*

*West Brattleboro, Vt.*

## MELODY.

This is a world of melody,—  
All things are full of it;  
The rock, the tree, the bird, the bee,  
And every lovely flower we see,  
From Rose to Violet.

The soul of harmony prevails  
Throughout the Universe;  
And every blade of grass that grows,  
And every fragrant breeze that blows,  
A symphony rehearse.

Though silent and unseen, it thrills  
The throbbing pulse of life.  
In ancient Rome's eternal hills,  
In far Judea's sparkling rills,  
There harmony was rife.

While morning stars together sang  
The sons of men rejoiced;  
And toilers on Judea's plains  
Whose hearts went forth in joyful strains,  
The songs of Nature voiced.

*Washington Co., Vt.*

*S. Minerva Boyce.*

## PANSIES.

Fairy little blossoms,  
Nodding in the breeze,  
Where in all the land is found?  
Blossoms sweet as these.

Pansies are for thoughts, they say,  
If they are, I am sure,  
All who love the dainty flowers,  
Think but what is pure.

Dainty faces fair,  
With their eyes of gold,  
Clothed in gowns of every hue,  
Minding not the cold.

Dainty little comforters,  
Shedding odors sweet,  
Lifting up their faces fair,  
Every one to greet.

*Allegheny Co., N. Y.*

*Mate Ferris Phillips.*

## NAMING THE CLOUDS.

The children by the window sit  
And name the fleecy clouds that flit  
Across the sky so broad and blue—  
White clouds, and clouds of varied hue.

*Sagadahoc Co., Me.*

*Alice May Douglas.*



## HEDGES OF DAHLIAS.

THE hedge seems to me the most natural and effective way of growing this showily formal flower. A two-horse plow will make a fine trench for the hedge. It can be filled in with rich compost, and the Dahlias planted so as to leave a slight depression in the surface of the soil all along the line. This will hold a light mulch of manure, and help to catch the



abundance of water that Dahlias love while growing fast. Stake the plants well, tying the branches loosely. One of the finest Dahlias for hedges, or indeed for any purpose, is William Agnew, with large flowers of flashing scarlet. A curious and attractive dwarf sort is the Jewel Dahlia, with white, pink and deep maroon strangely blended in its flowers. See engraving.

McDowell Co., N. C. L. Greenlee.

**Achimenes.**—Why is it that so few people grow Achimenes. They are so pretty and so easily grown. I pot them in March in dry, rich, sandy loam one and a half inches deep. I press the soil down, and keep them moist, but not wet, till they are up. Then I give plenty of water being careful not to wet the leaves. When it gets warm I hang them in a north porch where they have the morning sun. On three small plants I have counted forty-four blooms at one time. When done growing I put the bulbs in sand, and keep them in the living room.

Mrs. Gus Grove.

McLean Co., Ill., Oct. 20, 1905.

**Delphinium.**—We have had a hardy Delphinium planted in our garden for eight or ten years. It has only been transplanted twice. The only care required is a good leaf-mould covering late in autumn to protect the roots. Early every spring it throws out long spikes of rare, large, dark blue flowers, admired by every one.

Mary Robinson.

Cedar Co., Iowa, Oct. 8, 1905.

## CALENDULA.

I WONDER, how many flower lovers have not yet made the acquaintance of Calendula. I have my first one now in a pot, and feel that I missed a pleasure in not sooner learning of its merit. It is constantly covered with such a wealth of bloom in colors of gorgeous orange, bordered with palest gold. When I stand and gaze steadily into its blaze of color, the sensation is that of looking straight into the sun without being dazzled and blinded. As soon as a blossom begins to fade, I pinch it back to the main branch, and it seems to be immediately replaced by two or three more.

The first three blossoms were left to mature seed for new plants, when this one has completed its year of beauty. I have been informed that a single plant, if watchfully pinched back, will bloom a full year, throwing out new growth from the roots as the old top is gradually pinched away.

A. H. B.

Otero Co., N. Mex., Nov. 1, 1905.

**White Passion Vine.**—The white Passiflora or Passion Vine is just lovely. I would advise any one who has never tried one of these lovely vines to place one near the porch or veranda, and see what a grand vine and flowers it will produce. The blooms are the size of a small saucer, heavily fringed and are pure white. The cross that is found in the center of all Passion Vines is of a purple scarlet.

Mrs. S. Hovis.

Tippah Co., Miss., Oct. 3, 1905.

**Leopard Plant.**—The Leopard Plant, is as easy to grow as a Geranium. It will keep in a room where it is cold enough to freeze the leaves. Requires lots of water. The foliage is a handsome green with white and yellow spots.\* It does not like very much sun.

L. G.

Giles Co., Tenn., Oct. 10, 1905.

**Impatiens Sultani.**—I have an Impatiens Sultani which is the wonder and admiration of the neighborhood. It has twelve branches from ten to twelve inches long, and has been in blossom since May. I think it is a very desirable plant. I find that setting the pot inside another larger pot, and filling in soil around the sides is of great benefit.

Mrs. D. W. Newman.

Summit Co., Ohio, Oct. 17, 1905.

**Wild Clematis.**—There is a variety of Wild Clematis with small white flowers growing here, that makes a fine shade for a window or piazza. I have a fine one running on a net wire fence. It looks handsome in July when covered with flowers.

H. Corning.

Adams Co., Wis., Oct. 10, 1905.

## PHOSPHORESCENT PLANTS.

WHEN a child my father brought me from the woods a piece of punk or luminous wood. It was very amazing to see it light up when taken into a dark room. In the light it was just a common piece of old, decayed wood.

It seems almost a freak of nature that some plants will be luminous while others of the same species growing beside them will not be. Near Simla in the Himalayas, the grassy hills are, during the rainy seasons, illuminated, when it is dark, with a strange, pallid light, which glows and gleams like a will-o'-the-wisp.

It has been found to emanate from a kind of grass, whose botanical name is "Anthisteria anarithela." There is one other Himalayan plant possessing stronger luminosity: the *Dictamnus fraxinella*. From the leaves of this plant a volatile oil is distilled in such quantities that a lighted match held near to the shrub will envelop it in flames, and yet the plant will receive no injury.

There are other plants, shrubs and mosses that emit light. On the dwarf palms of Brazil grows a beautifully phosphorescent fungus, and an Australian toadstool of a certain kind throws out a light so strong that a few broken pieces of it will enable one to read in a dark room, so I have been told, and there is also an Australian moss which gleams like a bed of glowworms from the dark recesses of the rocks.

S. Minerva Boyce.

Wash. Co., Vt.

**Centaurea Americana.**—*Centaurea Americana* is a grand flower. The large seeds come up readily, but the plants do not like as hot sunshine as *Zinnias* and *Coreopsis* will stand. My tallest plant reached four feet in height; each blossom opens for several days, closing into a thistle-shape in the afternoon. The many stamens, tipped with powdery pollen, add much to its beauty, but I had to look at it early, indeed, as a small bee, bright green and peacock-blue, iridescent, came each morning and carried off all the pollen. On the great, softly tinted, lilac and white flower it was a beautiful gem.

Mabel Russell.

Orange Co., Fla., Nov. 5, 1905.

**Royal Pinks.**—My experience with this novelty was very satisfactory. The plants grew strong and robust with long stems. These were completely covered with blossoms all summer until October. The colors varied from dark crimson to scarlet, and brightest rose. They were of very large size, mostly double, and made fine cut flowers.

Sister Clare.

Cumberland Co., Me., Nov. 8, 1905.

## TULIPS.

SOUTH of the Ohio and Potomac rivers Tulips are not satisfactory flowers.

The bulbs do well and multiply, blooming freely, but the delicate texture of the flowers, even the largest, double sorts, causes them to wilt under the Southern sun in one forenoon. Only the earliest varieties, blooming in March, will last even one day in bloom. As late as April the dazzling blooms are barely in bloom before they are gone. Repeated experiments have proven Tulips to be better suited to Northern than Southern climes.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

New Orleans, La.

[NOTE.—The beauty of Tulip flowers could be prolonged by placing a muslin-covered frame over the bed during the heat of the day. It should act only as a sun-shield, and not interfere with the free access and circulation of the air. It should not be used on cloudy days.—ED.]

**Bulbs in Florida.**—Here in Florida the *Polyanthus Narcissus* is a garden standby. The double Roman has the finest fragrance, and comes first, blooming in November. I know a garden that has long borders of them. Paper-white follows in December, and other varieties keep up a succession until late March. *Freessias*, *Iris*, *Pavonia* and the *Scarlet Freesia* (*Anomatheca*) and *Ixias*, are flowers of exquisite beauty that flourish here in gardens. Probably most of the Cape bulbs would do well.

M. M. Russell.

Orange Co., Fla., Nov. 5, 1905.

**Grevillea Robusta Pyramidalis.**—This *Grevillea* is even more beautiful than a Palm. It is easier to raise and of much quicker growth. A seedling one foot high, last spring, was bedded out in my yard on the east side of the house, and with no care except an occasional watering during the drouth. This fall it is four feet high, and its symmetry and grace are the wonder of all who see it. It will grace a north, or an east window and thrive. Water when dry, sponge or spray the foliage when dusty, and lo! how lovely.

Mrs. Hosbrough.

Cowley Co., Kan., Nov. 5, 1905.

**Cemetery Plant.**—The little *Gem Sweet Alyssum* is a lovely cemetery plant, blooming from early summer until winter. It has a delightful woodsy fragrance. Nothing can be nicer than the *Alyssum* and white *Pansies*.

Mrs. M. C. Bramhall.

Bradford Co., Pa., Nov. 11, 1905.

**Blue Ageratum.**—A bed of *Blue Ageratum* will give an abundance of beautiful blue, cut flowers all summer, which are very fine in a bouquet of larger flowers.

Mrs. M. C. Bramhall.

Bradford Co., Pa., Nov. 11, 1905.



## ALONSOA MYRTIFOLIA.

**T**HE Myrtle-leaved Alonsoa, *A. Myrtifolia*, a blooming plant of which is represented in the engraving, is one of the most attractive of the Alonsoas. It is of vigorous, robust growth, attaining the height of two or two and a half feet, branching freely, and each branch terminating in a showy raceme of intense scarlet flowers, much larger than those of any other species. Its showy, free-blooming habit and charming flowers recommend it for both garden and pot culture, and it is deserving of general cultivation.

*Alonsoa Myrtifolia* is one of the newer introductions of the Alonsoa genus. It is readily propagated from seeds, which should be sown in window boxes or in the hot bed in early spring. Give the seedlings plenty of air and light, and as soon as large enough reset them in a tray, giving each an inch of space; or pot in small pots. Shift as they grow, if you wish them to bloom in pots, or bed them out, if you wish them for a garden display. A rich, well-drained soil and sunny exposure suits them, and they should not be allowed to suffer from drouth. The seeds are sold by most seedsmen at five cents per packet.



ALONSOA MYRTIFOLIA.

**Passion Flower.**—The curious and handsome flower of the Passion Vine is said to typify the crucifixion of our Saviour. The centre or pistil represents the cross; the divisions at its summit the nails; the mass of stamens the crown, the petals the disciples. Imagination may extend the representation. Last year I had a Passion Vine that bore 30 blossoms. It requires lots of water and sunshine. Everyone who saw my plant in bloom admired it. Some persons thought the flowers were artificial, they were so different from others. I took the plant to church, and I sent the flowers around to different persons, especially the sick. I use good soil and coal cinder drainage. I find it easy to grow.

Mrs. L. E. Walters.

Lackawanna Co., Pa.

**Sultani.**—One of my most beautiful winter-blooming plants is *Impatiens Sultani*, and it is so easy to care for. It is full of buds and blooms the entire winter.

R. M. H.

Davies Co., Mo., Oct. 11, 1905.

## SOLANUM SEAFORTHIANUM.

**H**OW many of the readers have tried "Solanum Seaforthianum?" Late last fall a friend in Oklahoma sent me three seeds, which in time produced three fine plants. Being cramped for room to winter them, two were given away. The one kept grew very fast, but in February several of my plants were frozen, the *Solanum* being one of them. The stalk did not shrivel, or turn black, after the leaves fell. So it was cut back to within a few inches of the soil. In a few days new branches were put out, and soon it was "a thing of beauty." It grew rapidly till in August,

then it began to bloom, and has truly been "a joy to its possessor," and a wonder to every passer-by. Its green leaves, some of them, are six inches long, and the clusters of lilac shaded flowers are as large as clusters of grapes. I shall try to winter it in my living room—though it will occupy an entire window itself. I would advise all who love blue flowers to try this beautiful and easily raised *Solanum*.

Mrs. N. Hosbrough.  
Cowley Co., Kan.

**Hanging Baskets.**—I am a true lover of hanging baskets, for while they need more water than pot plants, they repay well the extra attention required. *Mesembrianthemum Stelligerum* is just too lovely this summer for anything, with its dew-covered, tiny baby fingers, as the "little girl" calls them, intermingled with the rich red blossoms. I have *Asparagus Sprengeri*, Mexican Primrose, *Saxifraga*, six *Mesembrianthemums*, two *Rhipsalis*, three *Epiphyllums*, one *Stapelia Variegata*, and the old Rattail *Cereus*, and last and not least, the old-fashioned wandering Jew. I do not know which I love best. They are all handsome, well grown plants, and speak for themselves of my timely attention. I don't have much patience with some people, because they neglect to give the right care and attention to their plants. If we study their needs and character there is no need of failure, or of sickly, undeveloped plants.

My *Brugmansia* (Ghost flower) is hanging loaded down with bloom. It needs a very rich soil and lots of water.

Mrs. Laura Ellis.

Tehume Co., Cal.



## OLD FASHIONED FLOWERS.

**I**N OUR admiration for the many new and attractive plants, we should not forget or overlook the old-fashioned flowers of our mothers' and grandmothers' gardens. How cheery are the glowing faces of the Marigolds, while the Zinnias, so bright, and many hued, last well when cut for bouquets, and bloom until frost ends their career. The Four-o-Clock is another sweet flower that always found room in the old-time garden. Its pretty blossoms open as the evening shadows fall, and disclose such dainty tints and tracings, while the air is scented with their dainty odor. Hollyhocks, Larkspur and Snapdragon are pretty and furnish a wealth of color to please all beholders. Job's Tears, an annual ornamental grass, used to furnish much prized necklaces, when, as a child, I strung the hard, shining seeds and wore them as proudly as a queen wears her pearls. Let us give these, and many others, a share of our affections and a place in our garden.

Annie Smith.

Henrico Co., Va., Oct. 6, 1905.

**Hoya and Crab Cactus.**—Two plants that give great satisfaction for little care, are the Hoya or Wax vine and the Crab or Christmas Cactus. Neither is troubled by any insects, and both thrive in a warm dry place where some other plants would die. Both are equally beautiful when in bloom. I have two large Wax vines five years old, that have been almost in constant bloom since New Years. The flowers are star-shaped, grow in large clusters, and have a sweet, delicate perfume. Mine are trained across a south bay window, where they are kept summer and winter. The Cactus is more common. It blooms at Christmas time.

Mrs. M. J. M.

Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 18, 1905.

**Double Nasturtium.**—A very satisfactory plant is the Double Nasturtium. It is lovely for a pot plant, as well as for outdoor growing. I had a pot full that bloomed in the window nearly all winter and spring. Then I planted them out in the ground. They grew and bloomed all summer, and at this writing are one mass of golden bloom. They grow very easily from slips. I think them so grandly beautiful, that I have more started for their spicy perfume in the window again this winter.

Mrs. M. J. M.

Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 18, 1905.

## CUTTINGS.

**J**UST before frost I took a number of cuttings from different kinds of Nasturtiums growing in the yard. Then I put water in a glass fruit jar, and set in a south window. In ten days they were all rooted and I now have fifteen nice thrifty little plants. These will bloom some this winter, but I want them mainly to set out in the yard next spring.

In this way I have often rooted choice colors of Verbenas, Petunias, etc., in order to preserve them for another season.

Mrs. M. J. Ross.

Pottawatomie Co., Okla., Nov. 7, 1905.

## PASSING OF PORRIDGE.

**Makes way for the Better Food of a Better Day.**

"Porridge is no longer used for breakfast in my home," writes a loyal Britain from Huntsville, Ont. This was an admission of no small significance to one 'brought up' on the time-honored standby.

"One month ago," she continues, "I bought a package of Grape-Nuts food for my husband, who had been an invalid for over a year. He had passed through a severe attack of pneumonia and la grippe combined, and was left in a very bad condition when they passed away.

"I tried everything for his benefit, but nothing seemed to do him any good. Month followed month and he still remained as weak as ever. I was almost discouraged about him when I got the Grape-Nuts, but the result has compensated me for my anxiety.

"In the one month that he has eaten Grape-Nuts he has gained 10 pounds in weight, his strength is rapidly returning to him, and he feels like a new man. Now we all eat Grape-Nuts food, and are the better for it. Our little 5 year old boy, who used to suffer from pains in the stomach after eating the old-fashioned porridge, has no more trouble since he began to use Grape-Nuts, and I have no more doctor's bills to pay for him.

"We use Grape-Nuts with only sweet cream, and find it the most tasty dish in our bill of fare.

"Last Monday I ate 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, nothing else, then set to work and got my mornings work done by 9 o'clock, and felt less tired, much stronger, than if I ate my breakfast on meat, potatoes, etc., as I used to. I wouldn't be without Grape-Nuts in the house for any money." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.



## ACHANIA MALVAVISCUS.

ONE of the most satisfactory all-the-year-around plants that grows, is *Achania Malvaviscus*. If one has a sunny window where plants can be kept, it will be full of its bright, beautiful blossoms all winter long. If no window room can be given it, it will "bide" in a warm cellar all winter, and make the finest of bedding plants in summer. I have one set out in the yard, which has made a good-sized shrub, and has attracted more attention than anything else I have. A cutting taken early in the summer insures a good plant for next summer again.

Eleanor Gordon.

Brown Co., Ohio, Oct. 24, 1905.

**Caladium.**—A small plant of ordinary pale green *Caladium* had grown in a tomato can till it was root bound. It was shifted into a small tub filled with the richest soil I could get from an old cowpen, and kept well watered. In a short time it had so changed in size and appearance, no one would have recognized it as the same plant. At a little distance, it seemed to have a wonderful crown of bloom overtopping the old foliage. All the new growth was richly variegated in shades of yellow, white and cream, intermingled with the green.

A. H. B.

Otero Co., N. Mex., Nov. 1, 1905.

**My Flower Bed.**—Last year, in a bed about three feet square, I sowed some *Calliopsis* seeds in the center, some California Poppy seeds around them, and for a border some mixed Pansy seeds. It was a mass of bloom. This spring I pulverized the soil, hardly expecting the self-sown seeds would come up, but thought if they didn't the ground would be ready for something else. In due time the plants appeared and such lovely flowers as I have had all summer!

Frances L. Cole.

Coos Co., N. H., Oct. 14, 1905.

**Morning Glory.**—If you wish something tall and handsome in your flower garden try all colors of Morning Glories trained around a tall pole. It was about the prettiest thing in my flower yard. I had pink Morning Glories at the north windows where they kept open longer, and looked like roses. They were lovely.

H. Corning.

Adams Co., Wis., Oct. 10, 1905.

**Cacti.**—I am sorry that we see fewer Cacti now among house plants than we did formerly, for the Cactus is certainly one of our most beautiful flowers. Of course they require considerable care, but this is well repaid in the curious and beautiful flowers.

Alice May Douglas.

Sagadahoc Co., Me.

## CALLIOPSIS.

WHEN one of my *Calliopsis* plants was covered with little brown buds I took it up and put it in a glass fruit jar, filled the jar with water and set it in my parlor window where it had plenty of sunshine. It was a thirsty plant; sometimes I would put in a cup of water in the morning, and another at night. The buds kept developing, and soon the plant was a mass of gold-colored blossoms. After awhile I set it out of doors again. This time I put it in a wooden tub that I had sunk in the ground. I watered it often, and how it bloomed! Even now (Oct. 14th) it has quite a quantity of blooms.

Frances L. Cole.

Coos Co., N. H., Oct. 14, 1905.

## SOUND SLEEP

## Can Easily Be Secured.

"Up to 2 years ago" a woman writes, "I was in the habit of using both tea and coffee regularly.

"I found that my health was beginning to fail, strange nervous attacks would come suddenly upon me, making me tremble so excessively that I could not do my work while they lasted; my sleep left me and I passed long nights in restless discomfort. I was filled with a nervous dread as to the future.

"A friend suggested that possibly tea and coffee were to blame, and I decided to give them up, and in casting about for a hot table beverage, which I felt was an absolute necessity, I was led by good fortune to try Postum Food Coffee. For more than a year I have used it three times a day and expect, so much good has it done me, to continue its use during the rest of my life.

"Soon after beginning the use of Postum, I found, to my surprise, that, instead of tossing on a sleepless bed through the long, dreary night, I dropped into a sound, dreamless sleep the moment my head touched the pillow. Then I suddenly realized that all my nervousness had left me, and my appetite, which had fallen off before, had all at once been restored so that I ate my food with a keen relish.

"All the nervous dread has gone. I walk a mile and a half each way to my work every day and enjoy it. I find an interest in everything that goes on about me that makes life a pleasure. All this I owe to leaving off tea and coffee and the use of Postum, for I have taken no medicine." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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## THE CHILDREN'S LETTER.

My Dear Children:—Most of the dear little song-birds that cheered us and did their part toward making the bright summer days so happy, have flown to their far Southern home. Did you not hear their plaintive farewell songs during the fine autumn mornings? How sad they seemed, to leave us and the happy nesting grounds, where their little ones were fed and taught to fly and sing—where their sweet notes of joy and praise made the morning air resound with gladness—throughout the bright, sunny summertime. Yes, as we listened to their songs of love and praise did not the sky seem clearer, the sunbeams brighter, and the gentle zephyrs from the blooming garden more fragrant and charming? But are you not glad they are gone, when the cold, bleak winds whistle round the corners, and sing a solemn dirge to the departing season as they pass through the tufts of green needles which clothe the old pine tree in the door-yard. The cruel Frost King would now nip off their delicate little toes, and perhaps freeze their little half-starved bodies, for they would not have warmer clothing for winter and well-heated houses to stay in during severe nights and bitter storms of snow and sleet, as my little boys and girls have. So, aren't you glad they are gone? They will come back all the happier in spring, because of their absence during winter, and we will appreciate them all the more.

Not all have left us, however. The Blue Jay, the Woodpecker, Sapsucker, Tom Tit and the Black-head are still with us. They do not sing, but occasionally we hear them call to their mate, and as they hop up and down the pest-infected trunk of the Apple or Locust, or skip from bough to bough in the barren trees, they often chirp or cry in their peculiar way, and remind us that they are not leaving us. This thought is pleasant, but there is something still pleasanter, as I know from early experience, and the enjoyment is almost enough to make us wish that winter would come quickly. It is this: When you see the ground covered with snow, and hear the begging cry of the little birds as they huddle in the branches of the dense trees to protect their hungry little bodies from the cold, just get some bread crumbs, or some parched and cracked corn and place upon a board elevated upon a post near the window, where the cat cannot have access. Very soon you will be delighted to find the birds come to their spread table regularly to get their morning and evening meal. And is it not joy to see them relieved from the pangs of hunger, and made happy in this way? If you have Walnuts or Butternuts to crack and place upon the board you will find they will be appreciated, for birds are very fond of nuts.

But I want to tell you, dear children, that the natural bird enemy, the nimble and handsome little Red or Pine Squirrel, does not emigrate. He just stays among the trees summer and winter, and in the springtime he is a heartless robber, hunting constantly for bird-nests, and destroying both eggs and birds whenever and wherever he

finds them. He is so nimble he can climb to almost any nest, the Golden Robin's being almost the only nest he is not likely to trouble. The gray squirrel and chip-munk or ground squirrel seem harmless, but this little red squirrel is perhaps the most troublesome and persistent enemy the nesting birds have. I believe in most cases they should be destroyed because of their bird-molesting propensities. They are pretty, nimble and interesting subjects, but I could not recommend them for pets unless kept in close confinement, which seems cruel. Winter is the time to get rid of them, however, as a gun greatly frightens the summer song-birds, and makes them nervous and songless. If you care for summer song-birds get rid of the Red Squirrels in winter time. They are very destructive enemies. An experienced hunter should be employed to rid the grounds of these little squirrels. Too often the boys are liable to do more damage than the rodents. I never encourage boys to use a gun. I know of the effects of fire-arms in the hands of boys. I have in mind a boy I knew well who went to the mountains with an old hunter friend in search of Wild Turkeys. They separated, so as to cover more ground, and at last the boy heard a turkey calling in the bushes, and saw something moving. "Quick as thought" he took aim and fired, and what was the result? The bullet left a scar upon the forehead of his friend, who was calling in disguise, and had it been an eighth-inch to the right it would have entered and proved fatal. Sad, indeed, would two homes have been made, had the aim been more effectual. This just reminds me that a late issue of a boy's paper tells of a young hunter's success and has a picture of a boy with a gun holding a turkey up as a trophy. The same paper, upon the next page, gave a picture of a little struggling wild animal with his foot in a saw-edged steel trap, and told of a boy's adventure in trapping. But oh the cruelty and suffering entailed by the methods used in hunting and trapping! We shudder as we think of it. Boys, don't cause pain and suffering to any living creature. Be kind and gentle, and life will have greater attractions, while your feelings will not be led to suffer because of the suffering and distress caused by cruelty and carelessness.

Your Sincere Friend,  
LaPark, Pa., Nov. 15, 1905. The Editor.

MR. PARK:—Last spring I ordered the Garden Huckleberry from an Eastern florist. He directed me to cook the fruit when jet black, and sweeten very sweet, but after the first mess I pulled up the vines, considering the fruit unwholesome. But the chickens were glad of the treat. They stripped the vines, though it seemed to give them headache, as it did my sister.

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Dear Floral Friends:—When leaving my home in Pennsylvania I left many lovely flowers which I had raised from seeds. Since coming here I have enjoyed looking at other peoples finely kept yards, for I have had none of my own.

When we arrived here on the 28th of April the Tulips and very early spring flowers were nearly gone, but Primroses, Forget-me-nots and Pansies were the finest I ever saw.

Narcissus were also in bloom, and many flowers of which I did not know the name.

Garden Heliotrope, Iris and Grass Pinks soon came into bloom, and then came the Roses.

Oh, such Roses of all colors, shades and kinds. They grow to perfection here, some as large as a tea saucer. The Crimson Rambler grows to immense size, climbing over porches, and often over the tops of houses.

The winters are very mild, there being more rain than snow, and the ground not freezing to the depth of more than two, or three inches, so that Roses and other plants are not winter-killed. Carnation Pinks winter out of doors. Nearly everyone grows Carnations.

The city of Snohomish where I now reside has about five thousand inhabitants, and in nearly every yard there are flowers. Some are beautifully kept with a profusion of flowers from early spring till late in autumn. The trees growing here are Fir, Spruce, Cedar, Cottonwood and Alder. There are no Sugar Maples.

A key Maple grows here which is used for shade and for an ornament. In the early spring there are many beautiful flowering shrubs found in the forests. A wild Currant bush grows to the height of four feet, and in spring it is one mass of lovely pink flowers.

Huckleberries are very different from those grown in Pennsylvania, these being the color of a red Raspberry, and are sour. Black Raspberries grow wild, but red Raspberries and Blackberries, such as grow wild in Pennsylvania, are cultivated. Another wild berry grows here called Salmonberry. I think they must be a near relative of the Thimble berries, for the leaf is much the same. Some of the berries are the color of a lemon, and others of a cherry red color. They grow in abundance, and are as large as a very large red clover blossom. All kinds of fruit, with the exception of peaches, are raised in great quantities. All kinds of garden vegetables grow finely.

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White Daisies are very rarely seen, perhaps one or two bunches will be seen during a ride of one hundred miles.

There are no Canada thistles.

Ferns grow into a forest, those branching Ferns found in woods growing to the height of eight and ten feet. Dock, sorrel, plantain, may-weed and a few other weeds with which Eastern people are familiar grow here.

Mrs. R. H. Perry.

Snohomish Co., Wash., July 30, 1904.

Dear Floral Band:—I had three windowfuls of flowers, and the past winter they were beautiful. I have five winter-blooming Begonias, that are especially nice. I got a three-cent packet of seed last spring. They commenced to bloom last fall and the whole winter they were covered with flowers and are still. No catalogue could picture them that would be prettier than they were. The Geraniums I got last fall, Dryden and America, bloomed all winter. The America has the largest bunches of flowers I ever saw. I would not like to be without them. The Abutilon has never bloomed, but is a nice thrifty plant. M. J. B.

Lehigh Co., Pa., Apr. 5, 1905.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I have written to the Children's Corner once before, but I grew impatient to see my letter in print so I have decided to write again.

I am twelve years old, and go to school. I guess I will be in the fifth grade next term. We had only four month's term last year, but I went everyday. I know none of my little cousins can beat that. But how many did that well? I have one sister and three brothers. Two of my brothers are younger than myself. We live on a farm, and I have just eaten a bit of Watermelon and gathered some squash for dinner. We had our first Watermelon on the fourth. I planted a very small garden this year, but I didn't take much care of it so you know it didn't do much good. I had four or five rows of vegetables, and about one row of flowers. I may try to do better next year.

Our front yard is so shady we can't raise many flowers but we keep on trying. I will close hoping this will appear in the Children's Corner soon.

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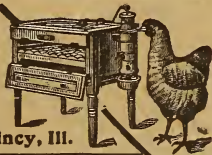
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Sonoma Co., Cal., Aug. 26, 1905.

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Let your little frills unfold,  
Till your mantle seems quite plain,  
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Orange Co., N. Y., Aug. 31, 1905. Eva S. Baxter.

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Mr. Park:—We like your Floral Magazine very much. I am much interested in it and cannot do without it. I look forward to the coming of it every month.

Pottawattamie Co., Iowa, Oct. 18, 1905. Alice White.

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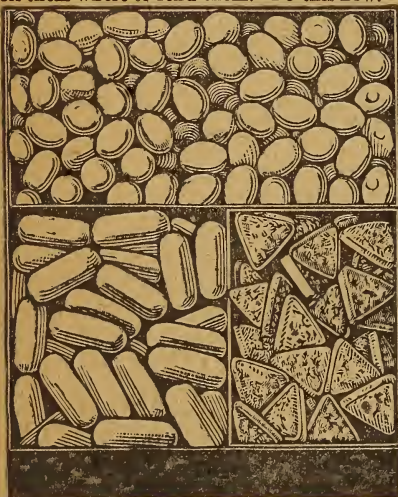
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Windham Co., Conn., Oct. 5, 1905.

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Mr. Park:—The Magazine you publish is my oldest floral friend. I have taken it since 1875, and of course, I feel interested in it, and also in the success of its publisher. Mrs. M. E. Fitch.

New Haven, Conn., Co., May 10, 1905.

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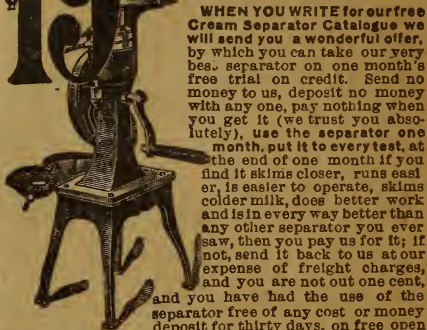
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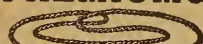
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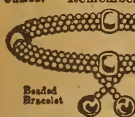
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Last year I got seed of the Everbearing Strawberry which was sent out with recommendations of the producer. They are growing nicely but have no fruit. I still expect fruit from those vines, for they are everbearing you know.

Another thing I will mention is the Rocky Mountain Cherry. If anyone wants to pay 25 cents for something which will in a short time make a large clump of bushes and bear a small cherry, which is nearly all pit by all means get one.

If I had taken Mr. Park's advice I would not have gotten them for he said they were only a little better than choke cherries. I am not from Missouri, but you see I had to be showed. But we all have to live and learn. Will now close wishing the Magazine success.

Mrs. Mary Martin.

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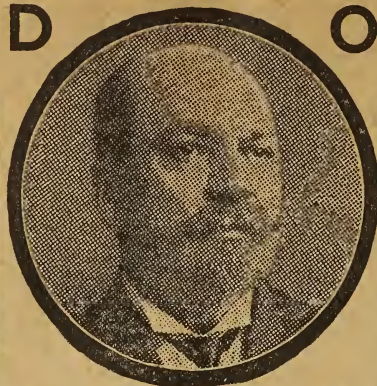
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